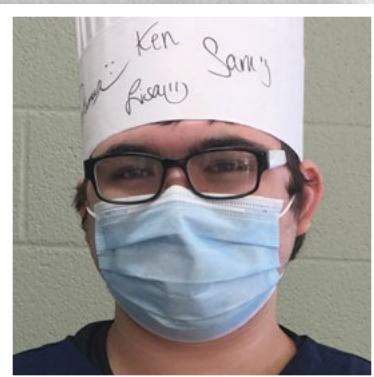


MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL



2020 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the members of the Missouri State Rehabilitation Council, I am proud to present this summary of the Council's annual report for 2020. Each Council member has unique experiences in advocating for the rights of our fellow Missourians whose physical or mental disabilities may pose barriers to productive employment. Through our quarterly meetings and committee deliberations, we have given our support to Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to empower individuals with disabilities and to encourage decisions that lead to greater self-sufficiency. It has been my great privilege to work with members of the Council as well as with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing our citizens with the opportunity to make choices in obtaining meaningful employment.

Respectfully,

Bob Hosutt, Chairperson

COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) was first authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1998. Section 105 of the Act requires the state vocational rehabilitation agency to establish a council. The SRC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and advising VR regarding its performance on such issues as eligibility; the extent, scope and effectiveness of services; and any other functions affecting people with disabilities. During 2020, the SRC was actively involved with VR in the activities below:

- Provided recommendations to VR on policy revisions and rule changes
- Attended and participated in VR public hearings to provide input on the combined state plan
- Evaluated and provided recommendations on the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation services and satisfaction with those services
- Assisted VR staff in preparing the SRC's annual report for the governor and the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation services in Missouri
- Reviewed and provided recommendations to VR regarding the combined state plan's comprehensive statewide needs assessment, goals, priorities, performance accountability measures and comprehensive system of personnel development

HIGHLIGHTS



25,408

individuals worked with VR counselors.



1,756

youths reached successful employment outcomes.



526

successfully employed individuals received Individual Placement and Support services.



4,396

individuals achieved successful employment outcomes.



1,359

successfully employed individuals received supported employment services.



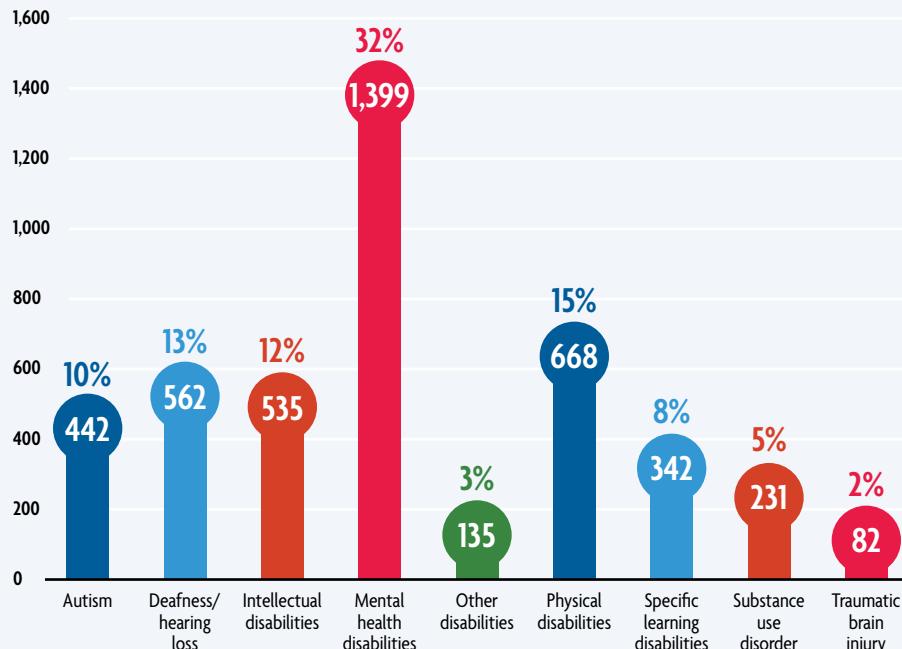
\$62,862,800

was the total annual increase in earnings for individuals with successful outcomes.

PROGRAM DATA

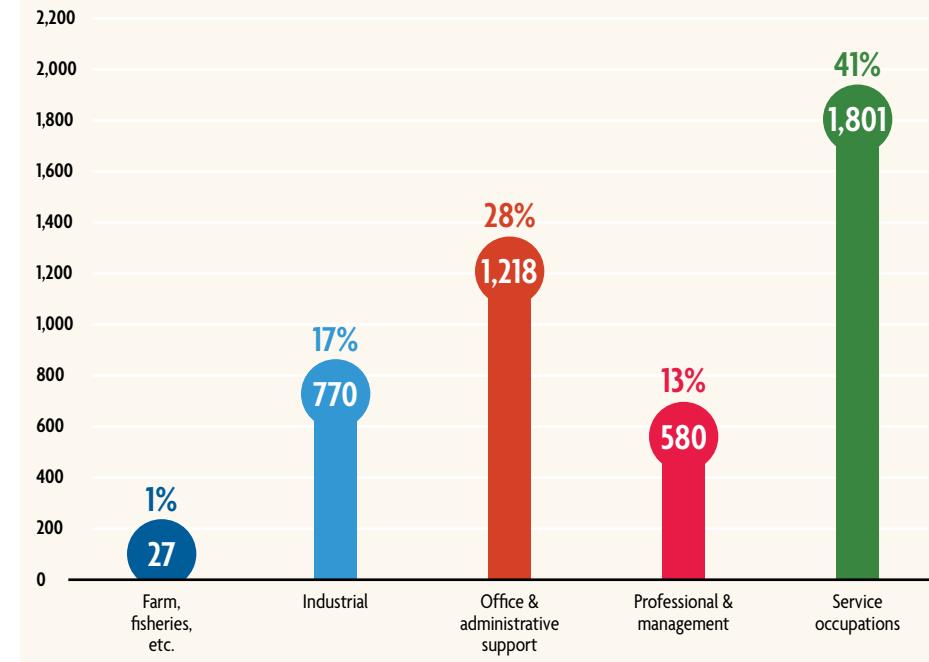
DISABILITY CATEGORIES

4,396 Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2019



OCCUPATIONS

4,396 Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2019



GENDER

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2019

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Male	2,447	55%
Female	1,938	44%
Did not wish to self-identify	11	1%
TOTAL	4,396	100%

ETHNICITY

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2019

ETHNICITY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
White	3,309	75%
African-American	874	20%
Hispanic	104	3%
American Indian	59	1%
Asian	41	<1%
Pacific Islander	9	<1%
TOTAL	4,396	100%

AGE

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2019

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Less than 25	1,551	35%
25-34	841	19%
35-44	642	15%
45-54	580	13%
55-64	548	13%
65 and over	234	5%
TOTAL	4,396	100%

MISSION STATEMENT

MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

OUR VISION

The Missouri State Rehabilitation Council envisions a society that values all of its members equally and provides opportunities so that all people are able to meet their needs, fulfill their dreams and participate in society.

OUR MISSION

To ensure that persons with disabilities have opportunities to be as productive as possible by advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided to persons with disabilities are of the highest quality, consumer directed, responsive to consumer choice, effective, individualized, culturally specific and relevant to labor market trends.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

To work in partnership with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to achieve positive outcomes for persons with disabilities by providing input on the state plan, policies and practices affecting services to persons with disabilities; obtaining and interpreting consumer input; identifying corrective action consistent with that input; advocating for adequate resources to ensure that the rehabilitation needs of all Missourians are met; identifying strategies to address the needs of people who are not being served or who are being underserved; and supporting VR in complying with laws applicable to persons with disabilities.

(Adopted Nov. 4, 1999)



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The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is funded, in part, with a federal grant awarded by the Department of Education. In FFY 2020, the program received \$63,511,322 of federal funds and \$17,189,214 of state funds for VR services. Total funding of \$80,700,536 was comprised of 78.7% federal monies and 21.3% of state matching funds. The Supported Employment (SE) program is funded, in part, with a federal grant awarded by the Department of Education. In FFY 2020, the program received \$271,230 of federal funds and \$14,275 of state funds for SE services. Total funding of \$285,505 was comprised of 95% federal monies and 5% state matching funds. The Independent Living (IL) program is funded, in part, with a federal grant awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services. In FFY 2020, the program received \$338,717 of federal funds and \$37,635 of state funds for IL services. Total funding of \$376,352 was comprised of 90% federal monies and 10% state matching funds. In FFY 2020, the IL program received additional state funding for an overall total of \$5,153,103.

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